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SUBJ: GREEK ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP

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1. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL IN
COURSE OF LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH SKOUROLIAKOS,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
RELATIONS AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE. SKOUROLIAKOS OFFERED FOLLOWING
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON PROCEDURE GOG WOULD PREFER TO FOLLOW
IN DISCUSSING GREEK APPLICATION FOR USGSP.

2. GOG WILLING TO ADMIT THAT A NUMBER OF U.S. EXPORTS TO GREECE
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ON LIST LAID OUT IN STATE'S 255955 ARE SUFFERING SIGNIFICANT

ADVERSE EFFECT AS RESULT OF GREECE'S PREFERENCES TO EEC COMMODITIES. HOWEVER, GOG DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS IS TRUE IN ALL CASES. IT THEREFORE SEEKS FACTUAL AND PRAGMATIC DISCUSSION ON ITEM BY ITEM BASIS TO DETERMINE U.S. RATIONALE FOR INCLUSION OF INDIVIDUAL ITEMS ON LIST.

3. SKOUROLIAKOS UNDERSTANDS THAT GSP NOT REPEAT NOT SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS BUT STATES THAT SENDING DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON TO FACE INTERAGENCY DELEGATION WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME, IN GOG VIEW, BECAUSE GREEK DELEGATION WOULD BE AT DISADVANTAGE IN TERMS OF TECHNICAL DATA UNTIL IT HAS BETTER GRASP OF US RATIONALE FOR INCLUSION OF SPECIFIC ITEMS. ALSO, FOR REASONS OF ECONOMY, AND LACK OF ASSURANCE AS TO ULTIMATE OUTCOME, GOG DOES NOT WISH TO SEND LARGE INTER-AGENCY GROUP OF ITS OWN TO WASHINGTON AT THIS TIME.

4. SKOUROLIAKOS APPRECIATES LANDE OFFER OF TALKS ON FEBRUARY 14 IN GENEVA, BUT QUESTIONS WHETHER LANDE IS PREPARED FOR ITEM BY ITEM DISCUSSION AND, IN FACT, GOG WOULD PROBABLY BE UNABLE TO PREPARE DOCUMENTATION FOR ITS OWN DELEGATION IN TIME. SKOUROLIAKOS REITERATED GOG PREFERENCE THAT TALKS BE POSTPONED UNTIL LATER IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH.

5. SKOUROLIAKOS INFORMED OF LANDE'S INTENTION TO TELEPHONE EMBASSY ON FEBRUARY 9. EMBASSY HOPES THAT REMAINING PROBLEMS CONCERNING TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING BETWEEN GREEK AND U.S. SIDE CAN BE IRONED OUT AT THAT TIME.
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